

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, July 20, 2009, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, Richard Shockley and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Lee Booth, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:30pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- Recognized and thanked all of the sponsors for their contributions to the Park Board luncheon held this afternoon at Happy Hollow Park, noting the list of sponsors would be included in the minutes.

Thank You Lunch Sponsors

**J.L. Anderson Heating & Cooling
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Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union
Simon Construction
Straight Lines, Inc.
The Schneider Corporation
Wahl Architecture, PC**

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The Coed Tournament play will begin next week, July 27 and will take approximately three weeks to complete. The Men's Tournament play will begin, Monday, August 3 and will take approximately two weeks to complete.
- The Mayor has raised a little over \$14,000.00 for this year's Global Fest, with the original goal being set for \$15,000.00. Everything looks good and Global Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 5.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Playground and trail inspections were presented.
- New fountain installed at Lilly Nature Center, along with a new water line that connects to the building.
- Sand was replaced in the front Happy Hollow Park volleyball court.
- Maintenance department helped with setup for Riverfest.
- Department has been busy catching up from the wet spring.

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- Summer sports camps are underway. Each sport camp is one week long.
- Thirty-seven boys registered for Coach Marshall Overley's football camp. Over 440 participants have registered for the summer Tennis program. Tim Wright, West Lafayette's Varsity Tennis coach, coordinates the tennis program.
- The cool weather has kept attendance low for public swim. We have had over 1,000 registrations for summer swim lessons.
- This is the final week for the Playground programs. Cumberland school is in the process of moving classrooms. The staff has been very helpful accommodating our program.
- The office staff has been working hard to handle the challenges of the City's new phone system.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- Morton has received their new phones and the new phone system is up and running. The fax and emergency phone in the elevator are now working. We are still in the process of resolving the connection for the phone line for the fire alarm system.
- Morton's refrigerator of 24 years stopped running. We have ordered and received a new one.
- We are still waiting for the new air compressor that runs the thermostats for the heating and air conditioning at Morton to be delivered and installed. We have been told that it could possibly be delivered and installed this week. In the meantime, we are using an air compressor that has been loaned to us.
- Instructors have submitted proposals for the fall classes. We are getting the information together and available so the brochure can be prepared.

Old Business**Riverside Skating Center**

Joe noted we are continuing pursuit of the rink repairs. Unfortunately, more leaks have appeared since the initial leaks and we are researching alternative solutions. Options available were discussed.

New Business**Tippecanoe Arts Federation Proposal**

Joe presented information regarding a Request for Proposal from TAF for a mural to be painted on the concrete surface at the rink. The RFP was passed around. More discussion will follow proposals being submitted.

Summer Fitness & Nutrition Camp

Joe presented information regarding a Certificate of Liability we received from St. E Regional Health Group. Apparently, the group has offered a fitness & nutrition camp for the past three years, and we were not aware of it. This year it was brought to our attention, and we requested that they provide us with the certificate of liability insurance. They are offering two sessions, one 06/22/09-06/26/09 and a second session 7/20/09-07/24/09.

Employment Position

Joe mentioned we are currently looking to fill the regular part time Stewardship Coordinator position, which was Brian Tunis' position. Joe noted recommendations of qualified applicants would be appreciated.

TIF District Projects

Joe noted at the last Redevelopment Commission meeting, a preliminary draft of the 2010 TIF District Projects was presented, along with the projected 2011-2012 TIF District Projects list being discussed. Joe distributed copies of those lists to the board members and discussion followed.

Joe noted the Administration has chosen the consultants to do the Strategic Plan and update for the City. Arnett Muldrow from Greenville, SC was chosen as the consultants. An organization meeting is scheduled for July 28.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- At the Organizational Meeting of the School Board on July 14, board officers for 2009-10 school year were voted on. The current slate of officers will continue for another year:

President – Diane Sautter

Vice-President – Alan Karpick

Secretary – Kathy Anderson

- The design for the Happy Hollow project has been approved by the Board & the project is out to bid with a target date of August 5 to award the bid. It is anticipated to be a 10-month project with work beginning after the pool closes in August.

- The WLCSC Food Service had been outsourced & run by Sodexo for the past few years. The Superintendent has analyzed the food service program and its costs. He believes bringing the program in-house is the way to go now. James Tyner has been hired as our new Food Service Director with today being his first day.

- Continued the West Lafayette Education Foundation fundraising efforts plus the receiving of some Title I Federal Stimulus money has enabled the corporation to hire back four elementary teachers.

- The Fall Sports Preview/Chicken Dinner is Thursday, August 13, 5:00-8:00pm.

Wabash River

Joe reported representatives of WREC met with the Corps of Engineers in June. There is an expected completion, by the Corps, of a reconnaissance study authorized by Congress that will tie together all of the Wabash River information to analyze the benefit of further Corps involvement in planning and projects.

Other

John Sorensen requested information regarding the Purdue Crew and the progress towards their new facility. Joe noted a formal groundbreaking ceremony is planned for Sunday, September 20, to coincide with Art on the Wabash.

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary

